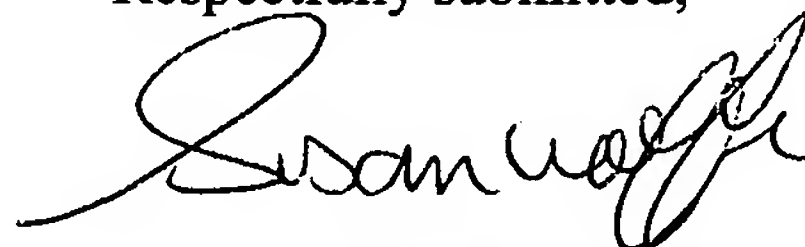


CONCLUSION

The claims were amended to place in proper U.S. format and eliminate multiple dependencies. No new matter was added by this amendment. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Wolffe", written in a cursive style.

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